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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2008. Claims 1-21 are pending. Claims 1-21 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-8 and 15-21 are said to be drawn to a valve stem;
- II. Claims 9 and 10 are said to be drawn to a single mold method;
- III. Claims 11-14 are said to be drawn to a method using two molds.

Election

In response, Applicants elect Group I without traverse, including claims 1-8 and 15-21.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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